

REMARKS


Claims 1 and 4 through 8 are pending in this application. Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

In the Decision by the Honorable Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed September 26, 2003, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 4 through 8 was reversed. As claims 1 and 4 through 8 are the only remaining claims, Applicants submit that the present application is in clear condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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